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In re Application of	:
Noel John DeSouza et al	:
Serial No.: 10/671,040	: SUSPENSION OF ACTION
Filed: September 25, 2003	:
Attorney Docket No.: U014826-4	:

This is in reply to the petition under 37 CFR 1.103 to suspend action on this application at applicant's request for a period of three months, filed January 26, 2005.

A review of the file history shows that applicants replied to the non-Final Office action mailed July 8, 2004, on January 13, 2005 (Certificate of Mailing dated January 10, 2005), including a request and fee for a three month extension of time. Applicants request that action on this application be suspended for three months in order to complete experiments demonstrating unexpected properties.

§ 1.103 Suspension of action by the Office.

- (a) Suspension for cause. On request of the applicant, the Office may grant a suspension of action by the Office under this paragraph for good and sufficient cause. The Office will not suspend action if a reply by applicant to an Office action is outstanding. Any petition for suspension of action under this paragraph must specify a period of suspension not exceeding six months. Any petition for suspension of action under this paragraph must also include:
- (1) A showing of good and sufficient cause for suspension of action; and
 - (2) The fee set forth in § 1.17(h), unless such cause is the fault of the Office.

Applicants' petition states that they are presently conducting experiments to establish that the invention is novel and unobvious. Applicants provide a complete reply to each of the rejections of record, but also state that further experiments are being conducted as noted above. Applicants, however, give no general description of the experiments being conducted nor is any indication given when the experiments will be completed or results be tabulated for presentation. No explanation is given as to why the experiments could not have been completed earlier. In summary, no showing of good or sufficient cause has been made.

In view of the above reason the petition is **DISMISSED**. Applicants may submit a renewed petition, if desired, addressing the deficiencies noted above. Any renewed petition must be submitted within TWO MONTHS of the mail date of this decision in order to be considered timely.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions with respect to this action, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to: Director, Technology Center 1600, P. O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile transmission at the Office general facsimile number, 571-273-8300.

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